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Mark N. Harris et. al. ) Attorney Docket No.: F-780  
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR UPDATING AND PRESERVING  
CRITICAL DATA WHEN PERFORMING A SOFTWARE UPGRADE IN  
AN EMBEDDED SYSTEM

**STATUS INQUIRY - NEW PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

More than twenty-three (23) months have passed since the filing of the above-identified patent application on March 29, 2004. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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